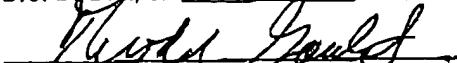


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

SERIAL NO.	09/700,148
APPLICANT	Klaus-Peter Gerbling, et al.,
FILED	December 4, 2000
EXAMINER	J.C. Einsmann
ART UNIT	1634
FOR	METHOD FOR DETECTING MICROORGANISMS IN PRODUCTS

Hon. Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

November 25, 2002

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR 1.136(a))

Sir:

1. This is a petition to extend the period of time three (3) months for filing a response to the Office Action dated May 24, 2002.

2. Applicant is:  Small Entity  Large Entity

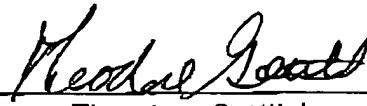
EXTENSION (MONTHS)		Fee for Large Entity	Fee for Small Entity
One month	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$110	\$55
Two months	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$400	\$200
Three months	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$920	\$460
Four months	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$1,440	\$720
Five months	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$1,960	\$980
<b>TOTAL FEE</b>		<b>\$55</b>	

4. A Response is filed herewith.

5. Charge the petition fee to Deposit Account No. 14-1263 and for any additional fee required or credit for any excess fee paid. A duplicate of this petition is attached.

Respectfully Submitted,

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